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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed August 28, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 15 and 16.

Please amend the claims as follows:

4B<sub>1</sub>  
1. (Twice Amended) A method for [treating] stimulating the immune system of a human patient having a resectable malignant tumor, said method comprising administering an immunostimulatory dosage of an  $\alpha$ -interferon composition to said patient, then surgically resecting said malignant tumor, wherein said immunostimulatory dosage is about 500 U/m<sup>2</sup> to about 4,000,000 U/m<sup>2</sup> per day [or less].

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2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said immunostimulatory dosage is about 500 U/m<sup>2</sup> to about 3,000,000 U/m<sup>2</sup> per day [or less].

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said immunostimulatory dosage is about 500 U/m<sup>2</sup> to about 1,000,000 U/m<sup>2</sup> per day [or less].

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